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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.'S PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS

WC Docket No. 21-473

Comment Date: March 14, 2022

Reply Comment Date: March 29, 2022

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment from interested parties on the proposed modification of average schedule formulas that the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed on December 22, 2021.¹ Pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules, NECA proposes to revise the formulas for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements in connection with the provision of interstate access services for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.²

Filing Requirements. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments and reply comments may be filed in **WC Docket No. 21-473** using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³ Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington DC 20554.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings at its headquarters. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.⁴

¹ Letter from Robert J. Deegan, Director-Government Relations, NECA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 21-473, Attach., NECA 2022 Modification of Average Schedules (filed Dec. 22, 2021).

² *Id.*, Attach. at 1; see 47 CFR § 69.606(b).

³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁴ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

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⁵ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*